



## WSDOT Ferries Division (WSF) – Nation's Largest Ferry System

### Key system facts

- Created June 1, 1951.
- Largest ferry system in the U.S. and fourth largest in the world.
- 22.5 million riders per year.
- Largest ferry system in the world for number of vehicles carried (10 million per year).
- Fleet of 22 auto-passenger ferries.
- Operates 20 terminals on 10 routes.
- 450 departures per day.
- Approximately 1800 employees.
- 10 unions and 13 collective bargaining agreements (2013-2015).

### Transit agency

- Third largest transit system in Washington (#1 King County Metro, #2 Sound Transit).
- Busiest route: Seattle/Bainbridge Island (more than 6 million riders per year).
- Largest ferries: Jumbo Mark II class
  - 2,500 passengers.
  - 202 vehicles.
- Smallest ferry: Hiyu
  - 200 passengers.
  - 34 vehicles.

### Marine highway

- Part of state highway network, serving eight counties and British Columbia, Canada.
- Critical links between urban areas on the east side of Puget Sound and growing communities on the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas and San Juan Islands.
- For the communities of Vashon Island and the San Juan Islands, provides the only practical link for vehicles – personal and commercial – to the mainland.

### Link in region's multi-modal connections

- Priority loading for freight, bicycles, vanpools and carpools.
- Park and ride lots at or near ferry terminals.
- Schedule integration with our transit partners.
- Vehicle reservations on three routes.

### Mover of freight and goods

- WSF vessels are specially constructed to accommodate commercial vehicles.
- Sole link for goods and services to Vashon Island and the San Juan Islands.
- Priority loading reservation system for commercial vehicles in San Juan Islands.

### Tourism, economic development

- Major tourist attraction and icon of Washington state.
- Gateway to San Juan Islands, British Columbia and the Olympic Peninsula.
- Critical link between more affordable housing on the west side of Puget Sound and key employment centers on the east side.

### Safe, secure travel

- WSF works with the Washington State Patrol and U.S. Coast Guard to implement security measures to ensure the safety and security of passengers.
- As a port of entry and border crossing, WSF works with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure the security of the U.S. border.

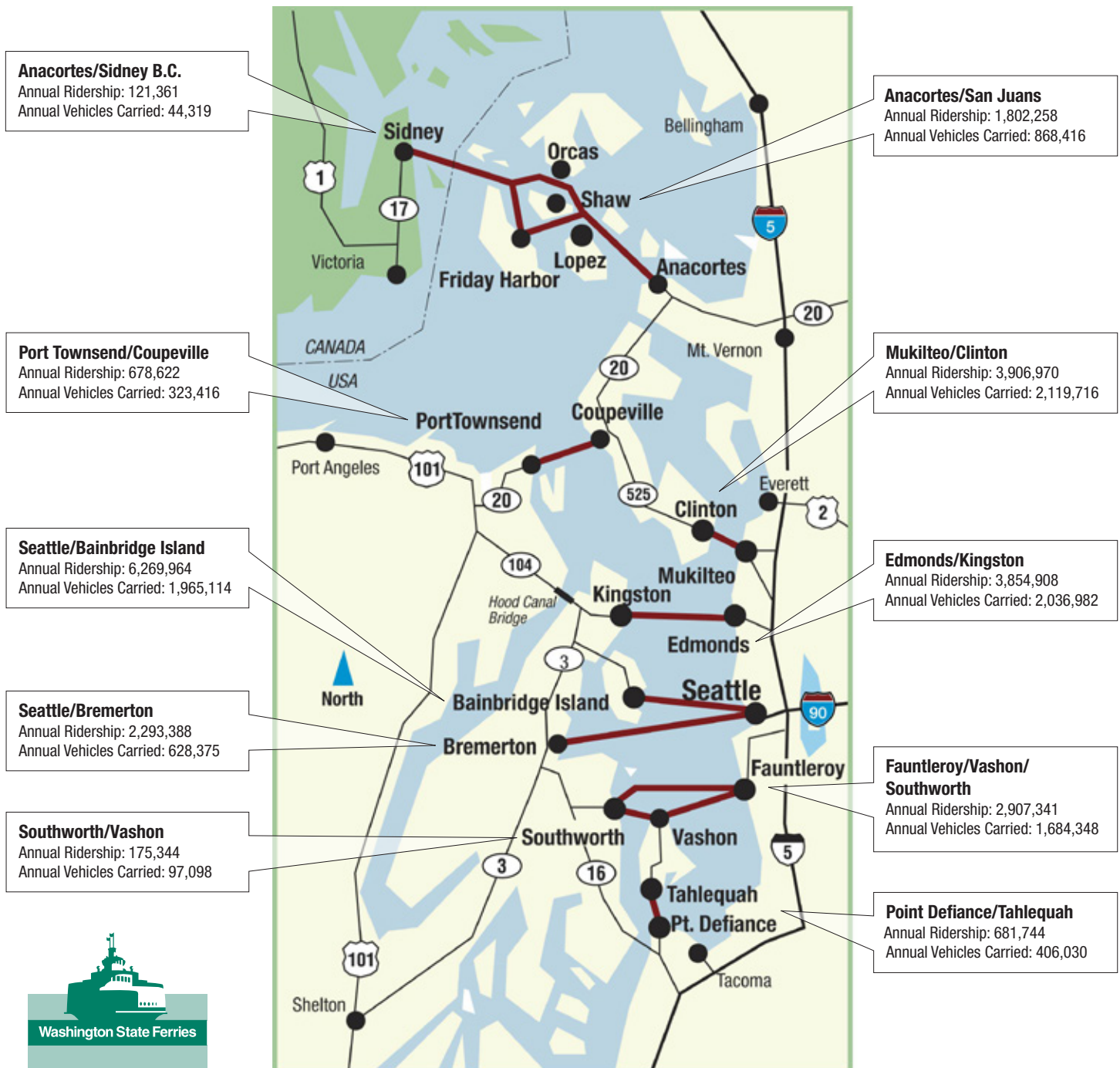


For more information visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries)  
Stay connected - [www.facebook.com/WSFGoSomewhere](https://www.facebook.com/WSFGoSomewhere)

# WSDOT Ferries Division (WSF) – Nation's Largest Ferry System

## Ridership statistics

Ridership numbers are based on 2013 statistics



14-02-0002396

February 2014

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information:** This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing the WSDOT Diversity/ADA Affairs team at [wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:wsdotada@wsdot.wa.gov) or by calling toll free, 855-362-4ADA(4232). Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may make a request by calling the Washington State Relay at 711.

**Title VI Statement to Public:** It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OEO's Title VI Coordinators, George Laue at (509) 324-6018 or Jonté Sulton at (360) 705-7082.